

LARRABEE & HINGSTON COMPANY, OFFICE BUILDING
19 Howley Street
Peabody
Essex County
Massachusetts

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
National Park Service
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Location: 19 Howley Street
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USGS Quadrangle: Salem, MA UTM: 19.342400.4709500

Date of Construction: ca. 1875

Engineer/Architect: Unknown

Present Owner: The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company

Present Occupant: Vacant

Present Use: Not in use

Significance: The Larrabee & Hingston Company Office Building (ca. 1875) is significant for its association with Peabody's most important historic industry, the tanning of animal hides. The Office Building was a component of a support/service industry complex associated with the area tanning industry. Larrabee & Hingston, founded in 1931, was a custom builder of wooden tanning vessels and was the last such facility in the Northeast when it closed in 1997.

Project Information Statement:

Stop & Shop's project to construct a commercial building requires a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (Corps). After review of plans, the Corps and Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Office (MASHPO) determined that the proposed undertaking will have an adverse effect through demolition of a National Register-eligible historic property. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by Stop & Shop, the MASHPO, and the Corps includes recordation of the Larrabee & Hingston Company to Historic American Engineering Record standards prior to demolition.

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PART I DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

The Larrabee & Hingston Company Office Building (ca. 1875), is a vacant, 24-by-12-ft, three-by-two-bay, one-and-one-half-story, side-gabled, late Greek Revival-style cottage on a fieldstone foundation with an 18-by-18-ft, four-by-three-bay, gabled ell attached at the rear northwest corner. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles, and the structure is sided with red wooden clapboards. The entrance, with elaborate Italianate brackets and hood, is offset slightly to the south in the east elevation. All windows are double-hung, two-over-two wooden sash. The design incorporates simple wood trim, including corner pilasters, overhanging eaves boxed with soffits and fascia boards, and gable trim with returns. The interior is open, with an enclosed bathroom in the southeast side of the rear ell. A stone well is located in the dooryard.

PART II HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Office Building at the Larrabee & Hingston Company Complex was constructed ca. 1873, while the property was owned by Aaron F. Clark's Lumber Yard. The building was originally used as the Clark's Lumber Yard office, and was used for storage by Larrabee & Hingston.

PART III SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Engineering Drawings

None located.

B. Historic Views

None located.

C. Interviews

Buckley, Steven, former Larrabee & Hingston employee and Hingston family member. Interview by Matthew Kierstead, 28 June 1995, Peabody. Tape recording on file at The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc., Pawtucket, RI.

Hingston, Steven, Shop Superintendent, Larrabee & Hingston Company. Conversations with Matthew Kierstead, 28 and 30 June 1995, Peabody, MA.

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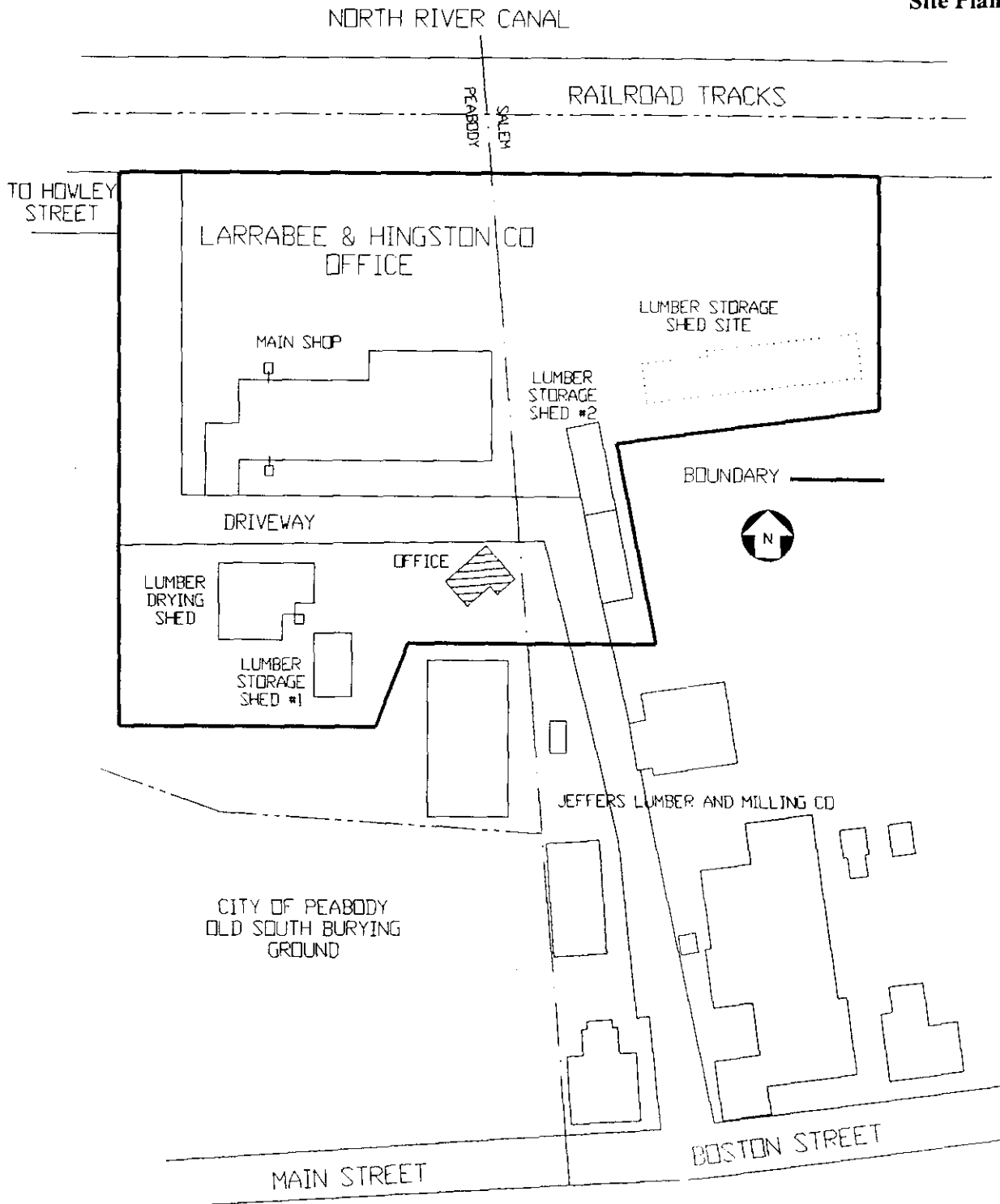
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Site Plan



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Existing Floor Plan, 1998

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